

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A tobacco smoke filter having a tar retention of at most 50%, comprising a relatively high draw resistance downstream filtering plug ~~of at most 50%~~ having a tar retention from 35 to 45%, a relatively low draw resistance upstream filtering plug of at most 22% tar retention spaced longitudinally upstream from the downstream filtering plug, and a filter wrapper engaging around and joining the spaced plugs to define a cavity therebetween, the draw resistance of the downstream filtering plug being greater than the draw resistance of the upstream filtering plug.

2. (Currently amended) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the downstream filtering plug has a draw resistance ~~of~~ from 40 to 130 mm.WG.

3. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 2 wherein the draw resistance of the downstream filtering plug is from 60 to 110 mm.WG.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the upstream filtering plug has a draw resistance of up to 20 mm.WG.

6. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the upstream filtering plug has a draw resistance of to 8 to 16 mm.WG.

7. (Currently amended) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the upstream filtering plug has a tar retention~~of~~ from 14 to 20%.

8. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the filter wrapper is a ventilating wrapper.

9. (Original) A filter according to claim 8 wherein the filter wrapper is of air-permeable material and/or has one or more ventilating apertures in register with the cavity.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) A filter cigarette according to claim 17 wherein the filter and the wrapped tobacco rod are joined by ring tipping.

12. (Previously presented) A filter cigarette according to claim 17 wherein the filter and the wrapped tobacco rod are joined by a full tipping overwrap, the filter wrapper and the overwrap together defining the pathway for allowing external ventilating air to pass laterally therethrough and into the cavity.

13. (Original) A filter cigarette according to claim 12 wherein the filter wrapper is of air-permeable material and the tipping overwrap has one or more ventilating apertures in register with the cavity.

14. (Original) A filter cigarette according to claim 12 wherein the tipping overwrap has one or more ventilating apertures in register with one or more ventilating apertures in the filter wrapper and with the cavity.

15. (Previously presented) A filter cigarette according to claim 17 having a CO delivery of less than 5 mg. and a CO/tar delivery ratio of less than 0.7.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A filter cigarette comprising:
a filter having a tar retention of at most 50%, the filter having an upstream end and a downstream end and comprising:

a relatively high draw resistance downstream filtering plug having a tar retention ~~of at most 50%~~from 35 to 45%;

a relatively low draw resistance upstream filtering plug having a tar retention of at most 22% and being spaced longitudinally upstream from the downstream filtering plug, the draw resistance of the downstream filtering plug being greater than the draw resistance of the upstream filtering plug;

a filter wrapper engaging around and joining the filtering plugs to define a cavity therebetween; and

a pathway for allowing passage of external ventilating air laterally into the cavity; and
a wrapped tobacco rod joined at one end to the upstream end of the filter.

18. (Currently amended) A multiple length filter rod comprising:

a plurality of filters each having a tar retention of at most 50%, each of the filters comprising:

a relatively high draw resistance downstream filtering plug having a tar retention ~~of at most 50%~~from 35 to 45%; and

a relatively low draw resistance upstream filtering plug having a tar retention of at most 22% and being spaced longitudinally upstream from the downstream filtering plug, the draw resistance of the downstream

filtering plug being greater than the draw resistance of the upstream filtering plug; and

a filter wrapper engaging around and joining the filtering plugs to define a cavity therebetween;

wherein the filters are joined integrally to one another end-to-end in a mirror-image relationship.

19. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the downstream filtering plug has a tar retention of about 40%.

20. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the upstream filtering plug has a tar retention of about 18%.

21. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the downstream filtering plug has a tar retention of about 40%, and the upstream filtering plug has a tar retention of about 18%.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) A filter cigarette according to claim 17 ~~wherein the downstream filtering plug has a tar retention from 35% to 45%, and~~ the upstream filtering plug has a tar retention from 14% to 20%.

24. (Currently amended) A multiple length filter rod according to claim 18 ~~wherein the downstream filtering plug has a tar retention from 35% to 45%, and the upstream~~ filtering plug has a tar retention from 14% to 20%.